



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Makoto Inoue, et al.

Serial No.: 09/957,449

Group Art Unit: 3627

Filed: September 21, 2001

Examiner: Jasmin, Lynda C.

For: SYSTEM FOR PLACING ORDERS HAVING MECHANISM FOR
REPLACING AN ITEM IN AN ELECTRONIC CATALOG

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO THE
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elects the Species of Group A (Figures 1-8) upon which at least claims 1-12 and 15-16 are readable, without traverse. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.